

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 17-19 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 5, 15, 16 and 20-27 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 17-19 have been allowed. Accordingly, since the application contains only allowed claims, favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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